REDUCTION OF VIERECKIA AND TWO SPECIES OF CHROMOLAENA TO EUPATORIUM (ASTFRACEAE)

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In a forthcoming treatment of the Asteraceae for Mexico (Turner & Nesom, in prep.) we intend to maintain the large genus <u>Eupatorium</u> so as to include <u>Chromolaena</u> DC. The latter genus was accepted by King and Robinson (1970) and subsequently they described the two new species which are reduced to <u>Eupatorium</u> here. In addition, King and Robinson described a monotypic genus <u>Viereckia</u> which I feel is close to the <u>Chromolaena</u> grouping and, as such, is also reduced.

EUPATORIUM TAMAULIPASENSE. (King & H. Rob.) B. Turner, comb. nov.,

Based upon <u>Viereckia</u> tamaulipasensis King & H. Rob., Phytologia 31:118.1975.

This species was originally described as the only member of the genus <u>Viereckia</u> and was thought to have close relationships with <u>Critonia</u>. I would suggest a relationship with the <u>Chromolaena</u> assemblage (sensu King and H. Robinson, 1970), close to <u>C. bigelovii</u> (A. Gray) King & H. Rob.; indeed it is difficult to separate from the latter by any substantial character.

EUPATORIUM BREEDLOVEI (King & H. Rob.) B. Turner, comb. nov.

Based upon <u>Chromolaena</u> <u>breedlovei</u> King & H. Rob., Phytologia 47:233.1980.

EUPATORIUM LUNDELLII (King & H. Rob.) B. Turner, comb. nov.

Based upon <u>Chromolaena</u> <u>lundellii</u> King & H. Rob., Wrightia 6:23.1978.

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